



CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 8, 2022

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Jung, Councilmembers Rich Geist, Councilmember Sherry Cordova, Councilmember Duane Gurule, Councilmember Larry Herrera, Councilmember Johnette Fuller and Councilmember Norman Railton and City Manager Shannon Wallace met to discuss topics discussed at Council and Staff retreat held in February.

Others present: Gary Reed, David Kline and Cuco Ruiz

REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.

Rocky Ford City Council met in Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Mayor Jung called the meeting to order.

Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Larry Herrera, Duane Gurule, Johnette Fuller, Sherry Cordova, Rich Geist and Norman Railton

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, City Clerk Rebecca Korinek and Dispatch Supervisor June Ferraro

Others present: Gary Reed, Cuco Ruiz, David Kline, Kermit Schneider

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jung explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. Councilmember Fuller moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

YES Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Railton, Fuller, Geist, Jung

NO None

ABSENT None

Motion carried 7-0

Consent Item(s) approved:

1. City Council meeting minutes from February 22, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Shannon Wallace reported the following:

- Shannon requested that Public Works Director Rick Long research the house at 200 N. 5th Street. No updates have been received
- The GOCO grant is in the planning and capacity phase
- Escrow money was dropped for the Odd Fellow's Hall across the street
- Corn Hole Tournament update
- Shannon provided various staff reports in the Council packet
- Information was given to Council regarding land that is owned by the city where the school is located. Kermit Schneider and John Sattler will be at tonight's meeting to discuss that matter. Much discussion was held on this matter. Council gave general consensus for the school to go ahead with their engineers to identify the exact area that the city owns.
- Shannon gave Council information regarding a recent murder trial
- Information was given to Council regarding the request to approve job descriptions for Public Information Officer and Police Department Administrative Assistant
- The Chamber of Commerce informed Shannon that the heater went out at the Chamber offices. The contract between the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Rocky Ford is still being negotiated.
- The City of Rocky Ford Cemetery was approved to be listed in the historical register.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Jung reported that she attended municipal court of February 28. The mayor had a discussion with Judge Manley regarding juveniles. Judge Manley agreed to visit with Council on the next court date if Council wanted to attend.

Councilmember Herrera reported the following:

- The Country Club has mulch if the Tree Board would like to have it

Councilmember Gurule reported the following:

- Duane was awarded a scholarship to attend the Colorado Municipal League (CML) annual conference. The scholarship includes registration fees, food, lodging and a \$100 travel stipend

Councilmember Fuller reported the following:

- The floor project at the Gobin Building is finished and the kitchen is ready for rental events
- There was a pancake supper at the Gobin Building that turned out very good

Councilmember Cordova reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting

Councilmember Geist reported the following:

- The museum board sponsored a presentation "The Dry" last month. Channel 5 news is interested in doing an interview with Ms. McDonald
- The museum board continues to wait for money. They have a window that needs to be repaired

Councilmember Railton reported the following:

- Nothing to report for tonight's meeting

STAFF REPORTS

Dispatch Supervisor June Ferraro gave a departmental report on the following:

- Statistics of volume of calls
- June's department has five (5) agreements for dispatch services with Fowler Police Department, Fowler Fire Department, Manzanola Police Department, Manzanola Fire Department and Med Trans (AMR)
- June's department consists of five (5) full-time and two (2) part-time dispatchers
- Professional development plans
- Community risk reduction
- Emergency response plans and participation in fire safety week with the fire department
- June is involved with the Rocky Ford Advisory Committee
- Technology plans
- Waiting to hear on a grant for sit-to-stand consoles

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Job Description – Public Information Officer

Discussion was previously held. Councilmember Gurule moved to approve the job description of Public Information Officer. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

YES	Cordova, Railton, Fuller, Geist, Herrera, Gurule, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

Job Description – Police Department Administrative Assistant

Discussion was previously held. Councilmember Railton moved to approve the job description of Police Department Administrative Assistant. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Voting results were:

YES	Railton, Fuller, Geist, Herrera, Gurule, Cordova, Jung
NO	None
ABSENT	None

Motion carried 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

Councilmember Geist moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Susan Jung
Susan Jung, Mayor

Attest: Rebecca Hornick City Clerk

